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(Update)

RIVERSIDE GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED IN DANA PARKER MURDER



MICHAEL BARBARIN



ANTHONY VALADEZ

RIVERSIDE, CA - On Friday, May 31, 2014, at approximately 3:44 PM, the Riverside Police Department Communication Center received a call of a subject who had been shot in the 3600 block of Cranford Avenue. Personnel from the Riverside Fire Department arrived at the location and located the victim, sitting inside a car, suffering from gunshot wounds. Once the shooting victim was discovered, personnel from the Riverside Police Department responded to handle the criminal investigation. The victim was transported to a local area hospital where he died from his wounds.



Detectives from the Riverside Police Department Robbery Homicide Unit and personnel from the Forensic Evidence Unit responded to the location. Based on preliminary investigation it is believed the suspect shot the victim, while he was sitting inside of his vehicle which was parked on Cranford Avenue. The suspect fled the location in an unknown direction of travel.

The Riverside County Coroner's Office identified the victim as Dana Parker, 40, of Riverside.

(Update)

On February 25, 2015, the Riverside Police Department's Homicide Unit submitted the case to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The District Attorney's Office filed charges against Michael Barbarin, 19, of Riverside, in connection with the murder of Dana Parker. Michael Barbarin is currently in custody on an unrelated charge and is a well-documented gang member in Riverside's Eastside neighborhood. Detectives believe the shooting was gang motivated and racially motivated. The Riverside County District Attorney's Office filed charges on Michael Barbarin for 187 PC, First Degree Murder with Special Circumstances, 190.2(a)(16) Hate Crime and 190.2(a)(22) Gang Violence. He will be eligible for the death penalty.

A second suspect, Anthony Cienfuegos Valadez, 23, of Riverside has been in custody regarding this case and will be formally charged.

The Riverside Police Department is asking for the continued assistance from the public and wants to remind anyone with information to please contact Riverside Police Detective Jim Brandt at 951-353-7137 or Detective Jim Simons at 951-353-7138. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact We Tip at 1(800)78-CRIME or 1(800) 782-7463.

All inquiries regarding the charges and court proceedings are to be referred to John Hall, Press Information Officer for the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. He can be reached at 951-955-8662 or by email at JohnHall@rivcoda.org